

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Capitol

Room: 152

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

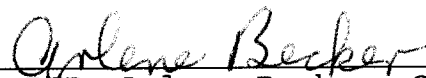
Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

HB 516, HB 549, HB 596

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

COMMENTS:



REP. Arlene Becker, Chairman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/18/09

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
Rep. Mary Caferro	X	
Rep. Pat Ingraham	X	
Rep. Bill Beck	X	
Rep. Julie French	X	
Rep. Timothy Furey	X	
Rep. David Howard	X	
Rep. Chuck Hunter	X	
Rep. Dave McAlpin	X	
Rep. Michael More	X	
Rep. Pat Noonan	X	
Rep. Ken Peterson	X	
Rep. Diane Sands	X	
Rep. Cary Smith	X	
Rep. Ron Stoker	X	
Rep. Jeffery Welborn	X	
Rep. Arlene Becker	X	

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Bill No. HB 596 Sponsor(s) Rep. T. Henry

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
MARIBETH <u>AAAMS</u>	<u>ST. CATHERINE FAMILY HEALTH CARE CLINIC</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u>Jennifer Savage</u>	<u>Blue Mountain Clinic</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Dore Judge</u>	<u>MT Nurses' Assn</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>LINDA SYLL</u>	<u>ANPAO / MPHA</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Bob Runkel</u>	<u>OPI</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Angie Wagenhals</u>	<u>NARAL</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Kylin Young</u>	<u>MCADSV</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Leah Hogg</u>	<u>Domestic + Sexual Violence Services Carbon Co.</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Laurie Bishop</u>	<u>Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>ANITA ROESMANN</u>	<u>DISABILITY RIGHTS MONTANA</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Jamie Greer</u>	<u>Human Rights NW</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Jeff Lasloffy</u>	<u>MT Family Foundation</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u>Sarah Dravstad</u>	<u>CHS Students</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<u>Linda Gryczan</u>	<u>Montana Women's Lobby</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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Bill No. HB 549 Sponsor(s) Rep. S. Dickenson

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Carla Johnson, Havre	SELF	✓		
Ray Beck - Helena	MAC / Self	✓		
Michael Spence Lakeside	Self	✓		
JoAnne Miller, Helena	Self	✓		
Will Selser	Self	✓		
Dick Paulsen	American Lung Assn	✓		
Kyla Wiens	MEIC	✓		
Teresa Henry RN	Self	✓		

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Bill No. HB 516 Sponsor(s) Rep. McAlpin

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Giff Christian	Am Heart Assoc	✓		
John Ruckner	Am Lung Assoc	✓		
Tom Ellenhaff	DEQ			✓
Todd Damrow	Todd Damrow	✓		
Amy Bamber	MT Dept of Ag			✓
Wanda Still	AMPHO/MHA	✓		
James F. Amos	ACS-CAN	✓		
Kyle Wilcox	WHEATC	✓		
Robert Shym	Myself	✓		

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Baglivo, Santella

Additional Documents

From: Jeff Jamison [jjamison@successprofiles.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 12:10 PM
To: Baglivo, Santella
Subject: In regards to HB596

I have just been informed that HB 596 is being heard by committee and in reading the bill myself I am concerned with several aspects of the bill.

- There is no restriction on the material to be presented in a sexual education setting, other than the very vague "age appropriate". On what grounds could I a citizen say that what I see in the material is not "age appropriate" if that term is completely subjective.
- There is no restriction on when this "age appropriate" material can begin being taught, therefore it would be allowed for programs to begin as early as kindergarten.
- I don't see any sort of priority of material to be taught, i.e. that abstinence should be the main program to be taught as it has a 100% effective rate in stopping sexually transmitted disease, teen pregnancy and all the other social issues that come with irresponsible sexual conduct. Abstinence programs have been proven to be the most effective sexual education program.
<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Abstinence/BG1533.cfm>
 The link provides cited studies and concrete information on abstinence programs.
<http://www.hhs.gov/asl/testify/2008/04/t20080423a.html>
 This link is from the U.S. Health and Human Services and again states the preferential need for abstinence programs.
- If any course is to be implemented in a school setting it needs to have parent involvement and also a guarantee that the student's parent can opt the student in or out based on the material and age of the student. That means the material would need to be provided to the parent before instruction and there needs to be an alternative for the student that is opted out of the program.

I think we all need to be concerned when such broad and open bills are being presented. There is no reason that if a bill is being written it would not be very specific to what exactly the writer intends and what exactly the bill is stating. I'm personally against any "sexual education" done by schools, I believe that schools are meant to teach traditional subject matter. However, I am concerned (as everyone should be) with irresponsible sexual activity within Montana and the United States in general. So I would concede that some sort of education could benefit public health and the individuals of Montana if done appropriately and with a priority on abstinence education that builds up family life and traditional family values (stable home for raising children, stable income to provide for the families needs, health concerns and the responsibility of maintaining your health, separate but equal roles of the genders i.e. husband and wife, mother and father). I don't think what I'm stating is out in "left field" or too much to ask from our public offices and representatives. Thank you for your time.

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From: Meg Stout [megstout@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 12:11 PM
To: Baglivo, Santella
Subject: message re: HB 596

I'd like to leave a message that I oppose HB 596.

Thank you.

Megan Stout
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Baglivo, Santella

From: John and Diane Spizziri [rimrocklivestock@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 12:27 PM
To: Baglivo, Santella
Cc: arlene_becker@bresnan.net; marycaferro@gmail.com; pathd13@blackfoot.net; rep.bbeck@centurytel.net; tjfurey@montana.com; d.howard@usadig.com; chunter717@bresnan.net; mcdave94@gmail.com; mp_more@yahoo.com; pnoonan73@yahoo.com; kenneth59@bresnan.net; hdsands@aol.com; cary@bresnan.net; stoker@montana.com; tkh@tkhenry.com
Subject: URGENT MESSAGE concerning HB596

Dear Committee Members:

I am sending this email to each of you, as well as secretary, Santella Baglivo today, with the hope that it will indeed reach each and every one of you prior to your considering HB596. I would like to implore you to strike down HB596 which concerns the sexual education of our public school children beginning in Kindergarten. Although I am certain that there are very well meaning people supporting this bill, it is most definitely not in the best interest of our youth. There simply are not enough specific restrictions on what may be taught, giving sometimes very young and inexperienced teachers or under qualified individuals far too much power over teaching such a delicate and important issue. Sexual education is best taught at home and although many parents are unwilling or under qualified themselves to teach their own children, HB596 is not the solution. Please stop this bill from proceeding!

Thank you for your service to our state and your dedication to those of us who live and work here!

Most Sincerely,

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Baglivo, Santella

From: Elise Kopulos [focuselise@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 12:41 PM
To: Baglivo, Santella
Subject: HB 596

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the bill that is trying to be passed known as HB 596.

I am writng to say that I am opposed to this bill passing. I am currently a teacher and am going to school in Bozeman for a second degree in teaching. If this bill were to be passed I would refuse to teach Kindergarten in the public school systems in any school that requires the teacher to do this.

Also, I would not be sending my children to any school that allowed this to take place. I would pull them out of the school system with the knowledge that this would be going on.

Please pass this on to whomever might read it and make a difference.

Thank you.

Elise Kopulos

Baglivo, Santella

From: Taylor Mathews [taylor.mathews@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 12:50 PM
To: Baglivo, Santella
Subject: HB 596 - Please Forward to Committee Members

To Whom It May Concern:

As a mother of three children and as a teacher I would like to discourage you from passing HB 596. The appropriateness of content of sexual education should be decided by a child's parents, not a teacher or administration. In an already sexualized culture, schools should be a place of learning, not a place of indoctrination of any individual teacher's idea of what age appropriate sexual education is. Please give me the right to decide what is or is not appropriate for my own children's sexual education by not passing HB 596.

Thank you for your time,
Taylor Mathews
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